

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 1.53(b)**

Under 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a ☐ continuation/☒ divisional
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor: OKUMURA et al

Serial No. 08/973,684

Filed: December 11, 1997

For: **CATALYST FOR PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS AND A PROCESS FOR PURIFYING
EXHAUST GAS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

Inventor(s): OKUMURA et al

- ☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u>
8-89716	Japan	11 April 1996
8-125162	Japan	20 May 1996
8-320516	Japan	29 November 1996
8-320531	Japan	29 November 1996

☐ already filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

☒ already filed in 08/973,684 filed December 11, 1997

- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- ☒ The prior application is assigned to ICT CO., LTD. and INTERNATIONAL CATALYST TECHNOLOGY, INCORPORATED.

- ☒ Power of Attorney has been granted to Jeffry H. Nelson et al, Reg. No. 30,481 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.

- ☒ Address all future communications to: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.

- ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a division of application Serial No. 08/973,684, filed December 11, 1997, now pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- ☐ This application is entitled to "Small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

- ☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

- ☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.

- ☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Cancel claims 5 through 9 and 20 through 23.

- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- ☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement ; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Other:

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee		\$	710.00
Total effective claims	19 - 20 (at least 20) = 0	x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims	11 - 3 (at least 3) = 8	x \$ 80.00	\$ 640.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)		\$	0.00
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED		\$	1,350.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Date: February 7, 2003

Group: 1754

Examiner: Ildebrand

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